

Councilwoman Bonner Reads to Children at Town's ReGeneration Summer Camp at Diamond in the Pines Park in Coram

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Pictured (from left to right) are Camp Counselor Quinn Kennedy, Camp Director Stephanie West, Foster Grandparent Dorothy Hoffman, Councilwoman Jane Bonner, Foster Grandparent Eleanor McGuire, Senior Recreational Aide Tom Policastro, and campers at the Town of Brookhaven's ReGeneration Camp at Diamond in the Pines Park in Coram.

Farmingville, NY - On Thursday, August 9th Councilwoman Jane Bonner attended the ReGeneration Camp at Diamond in the Pines in Coram, where she read "That's What a Friend Is" by P.K. Hallinan to campers aged 5-8 years old. Councilwoman Bonner also presented Certificates of Appreciation to Eleanor McGuire and Dorothy Hoffman for being "Foster Grandparents" as part of a program sponsored by the Federation of Organizations, Inc. to allow senior citizens to mentor local children. A certificate was also presented to camper Jazlynn Ramdass for her \$50 donation to the United States Military.

Councilwoman Bonner said, "It was a pleasure to read to the campers as part of the Town's great ReGeneration Summer Camp program. It has been proven that children who read throughout the summer are more likely to be successful in the classroom than those who don't. I hope that these children will take some time out of their summer schedule to sit outside and pick up a good book to enjoy."

Statistics have shown that a majority of those children who read recreationally outperform those who do not in the classroom. Summer reading has been shown to improve the ability of those children to retain what they read. It has also been found that when children read voluntarily in their free-time, they not only improve their reading skills but also become better writers and spellers.

The ReGeneration Summer Camp is for children between the ages of 5 and 12 and is sponsored by the Town of Brookhaven's Youth Bureau. The program is operated at several park locations throughout the Town, including Diamond in the Pines Park in Coram, Rose Caracappa Park in Farmingville, Shirley Airport Park in Shirley, and Levitt Field Park in Centereach. For more information about this program and other programs sponsored by the Brookhaven Town Youth Bureau, visit www.brookhaven.org or call 631-451-8011.

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